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IN THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1 and 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended) ~~An~~ The isolated nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 1~~
which encodes a soluble protein which binds to IL-TIF/IL-22, comprising the
a nucleotide sequence at least 90% identical to the nucleotide sequence set
forth at SEQ. ID. NO: 5 or SEQ. ID. NO: 10.

Claims 4 and 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (original) Expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid
molecule of claim 3, operably linked to a promoter.

Claim 7 and 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (original) Recombinant cell line or cell strain, transformed or
transfected with the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 3.

Claim 10 and 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (original) Recombinant cell line or cell strain, transformed or
transfected with the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 6.

Claim 13-33 (cancelled).

Claims 32 and 33 (cancelled).

Claim 34 (newly presented) A method for producing a soluble, IL-22/IL-TIF
binding protein comprising transforming or transfecting a cell with the isolated
nucleic acid molecule of claim 3, culturing the thus transformed or transfected
cell to produce said soluble binding protein, and isolating it from said cell.

Claim 35 (newly presented) A method for producing a soluble, IL-22/IL-TIF
binding protein comprising transforming or transfecting a cell with the

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expression vector of claim 6, culturing the thus transformed or transfected cell to produce said soluble binding protein, and isolating it from the cell.

Claim 36 (newly presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID. NO: 5.

Claim 37 (newly presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID. NO: 5.